

R E M A R K S

Claims 2, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-23 and 67-73 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 6, 10 and 24-66 have been canceled; claims 2, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-14, 67 and 68 have been amended; and claims 69-73 have been added.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 15-23 are directed to allowable subject matter. Previously withdrawn claims 24-65 have been canceled along with claims 1, 4, 6, 10 and 66 to expedite the allowance of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of those claims in divisional and continuation applications. Claims 1-14, and 66-68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Schlessel '832 in view of Maglica '858. The Office Action also included objections to drawings.

A. Amendments to the Drawings and Specification

Amendments to the drawings to add element number "62" have been made to illustrate and identify the "one way valve 62" that is disclosed in the specification at paragraph 0041.

Amendments to specification paragraphs [0045], [0049], [0050], [0058], [0068], [0069], [0071], [0096], [0097], [0099] and [0100] have been made to clarify terminology designations corresponding to reference characters 34 and 41.

It is submitted that the amendments to the drawings and the specification are fully supported by the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

B. Allowed Claims

It is acknowledged with appreciation that claims 15-23 have been allowed.

C. New Claims

New claim 69 should be allowable, in part, because it recites the following limitation which has been indicated as Allowable Subject Matter in the Office Action:

a lamp base comprising a conical frustum having a circular base end, a circular truncated end parallel to and concentric with the base end, and a conical-shaped side wall interposed between the two, the lamp base further including two holes extending through the base in a direction parallel to an axis extending through the center of the base end and truncated end and adapted to receive the electrodes of the lamp bulb...

Previously presented claims 2, 3, 7-9, and 11-14 have been amended to depend from claim 69. New claim 70 also depends from claim 69. Therefore, claims 2, 3, 7-9, 11-14 and 70 should also be allowable as depending upon an allowable base claim.

Also, new claim 71 should be allowable, in part, because it recites the following limitation which has been indicated as

Allowable Subject Matter in the Office Action:

a lamp base having a conical frustum shape including a base end, a truncated end, and two holes extending from the base end to the truncated end in a direction parallel to a lamp base axis...

Previously presented claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 71. New claims 72 and 73 also depends from claim 71. Accordingly, claims 5 and 72-73 should also be allowable as depending upon an allowable base claim.

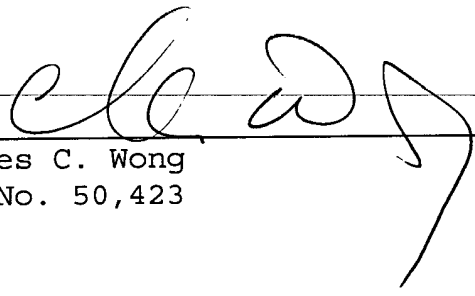
C. Conclusion

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 3, 5, 7-9, 11-23, and 67-73 are allowable and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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